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1. AS THE ONLY NON- EC- CAPITAL ADDRESSEE OF REFTEL, WE ARE NOT CERTAIN THAT IT WAS INTENDED FOR OUR ACTION. NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD RESPOND THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE TO INCLUDE NORWAY ON THE GUEST LIST FOR ANY MEETING OF DONORS TO WHICH OTHER NON- EC COUNTRIES ARE INVITED.

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2. HAVING SAID THIS, WE ARE BY NO MEANS CERTAIN THAT NORWAY WOULD ACCEPT THE INVITATION. FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT PREFERS TO DEAL AT ARMS LENGTH WITH THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT AND HAS NOT YET ACCREDITED AN AMBASSADOR TO SAIGON. ITS PRESENT PLANS ARE TO CHANNEL AID FOR SOUTH VIETNAM THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS (AS OPPOSED TO DIRECT BILATERAL DEALINGS BETWEEN THE NORWEGIAN RED CROSS AND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE RED CROSS).

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE NORWEGIANS HAVE SEVERAL TIMES OVER THE PAST YEAR SOUGHT AN INDICATION OF US THINKING AS TO HOW POSTWAR AID TO VIETNAM SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED. THOUGH THEY MAY BE MORE INTERESTED IN TALKING ABOUT NORTH VIETNAM, THEY DO AS A GENERAL PRINCIPLE ENDORSE THE GREATER USE OF MULTILATERAL FORUMS FOR AID PROJECTS. AND WE DOUBT THAT THEIR PLANS FOR EITHER PART OF VIETNAM ARE SO FAR ALONG THAT THEY COULD NOT BE MODIFIED. ON BALANCE, WE THEREFORE THINK IT WOULD BE WORTH A TRY TO INCLUDE NORWAY FROM THE OUTSET IN ANY MULTILATERAL PLANNING.

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